Onion Export Zones

3888. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Onion Export Zones have been established at certain places in Maharashtra; and

(b) Government's contribution to these Special Export Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government agencies contribution of Rs. 6.13 crores is envisaged.

Tea-gardens in North-Eastern Region

3889. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tea-gardens in different States of the North-Eastern Region, State-wise;

(b) the number of small growers in the field of tea-productions, State-wise;

(c) the facilities, the small growers get from Government concerned;

(d) the North-Eastern States where full processing of tea-leaves undertaken;

(e) the States of the North-East which cannot yet afford full processing of tea by the growers themselves; and

(f) the steps Government are going to take for improving the trade in tea and benefiting the growers and the workers as well ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Details of the number of tea gardens and small growers in different States of the North-Eastern Region (as in 2001) are given below:—

States	Total Number of tea gardens	Number of Small Growers (upto 10.12 Hectares)
1	2	3
Assam	40783	40015